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USMISSION OECD FOR UNDER SECRETARY SOLOMON

FROM BLUMENTHAL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, JA

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SUB-CABINET LEVEL BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH  
JAPANESE

1. AT DINNER WITH FINANCE MINISTER BOH LAST NIGHT, I RAISED THE SUGGESTION DISCUSSED WITH HOLBROOKE AND OTHERS, NAMELY THE ADVISABILITY OF SMALLER BILATERAL MEETINGS, ESPECIALLY ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, AT THE SUB-CABINET LEVEL. I INDICATED IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR U.S. OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTERPARTS AT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND TO INCLUDE THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY WHERE USEFUL. I FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT SHORTER SESSIONS WITH CABINET-LEVEL OFFICIALS MIGHT ALSO BE HELPFUL.

2. BOH REACTED VERY FAVORABLY, SAYING HE WOULD PURSUE THIS SUGGESTION AND SAW MUCH VALUE IN IT. MATSUKAWA, WHO LEFT LAST  
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NIGHT FOR PARIS, SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS WITH SOLOMON THERE.

3. BASED ON MY CONVERSATIONS HERE, I THINK SUCH MEETINGS ARE A DESIRABLE THING THAT WE SHOULD PURSUE ACTIVELY. CLEARLY SOME JAPANESE DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE REALITIES ON MAJOR ECONOMIC ISSUES BETWEEN U.S. AND JAPAN AND THOSE WHO DO HAVE TROUBLE GETTING THE COOPERATION OF THEIR COLLEAGUES. THIS TYPE

OF MEETING, FORTIFIED BY OCCASIONAL CABINET-LEVEL MEETINGS,  
WILL DO MUCH TO ENABLE THE JAPANESE TO UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION  
MORE FULLY.  
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